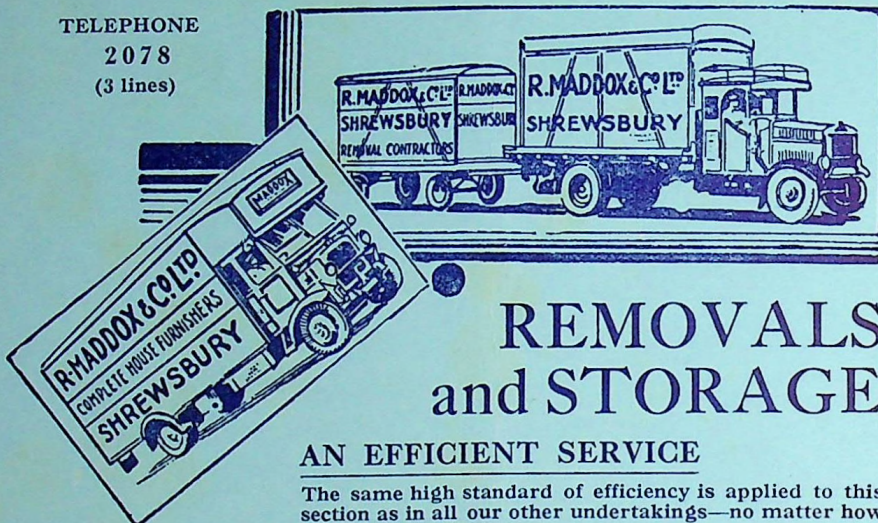




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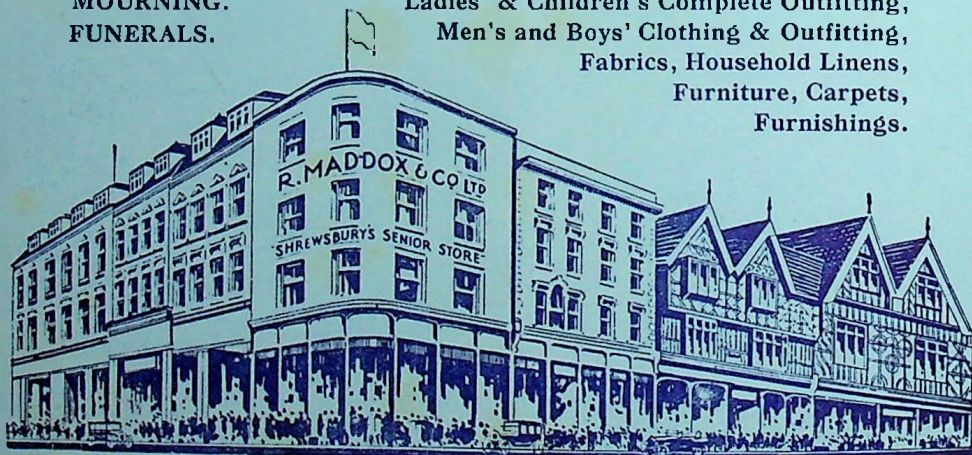
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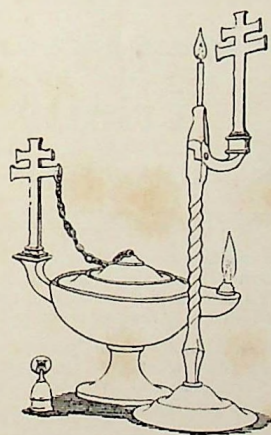
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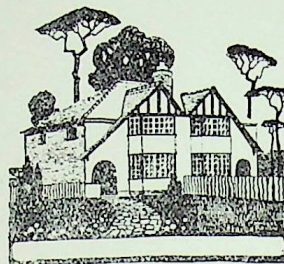
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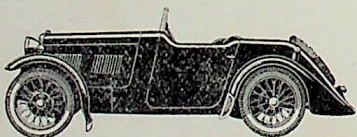
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
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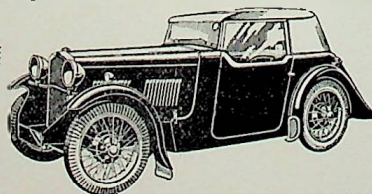
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Saturday, December 3rd

- 5-0 p.m. THANKSGIVING SERVICE at BOURNVILLE.
- 5-45 p.m. TEA, by kind invitation of Messrs. Cadbury Bros.
- 7-45 p.m. FESTIVAL EVENING at the TOWN HALL, BIRMINGHAM.
The Lighting of the New Lamps of Maintenance by the Patron of Toc H,
H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.
The first performance of the Christmas Mime: "*At the Sign of the Star.*"

Sunday, December 4th

- 8-0 a.m. CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY COMMUNION in CITY CHURCHES.
- 8-45 a.m. BREAKFAST in Messrs. LYONS' CAFES.
- 11-0 a.m. FESTIVAL PREACHMENTS.
THE CATHEDRAL: The Rev. H. F. Sawbridge, M.C.
ST. MARTINS: The Rev. M. P. G. Leonard, D.S.O.
THE CENTRAL HALL: The Rev. O. S. Watkins, C.M.G., C.B.E.
- 12-45 p.m. LUNCH in Messrs. LYONS' CAFES.
- 2-0 p.m. THE FAMILY AT HOME at the PALAIS DE DANSE, Monument Road,
Edgbaston.
The Founder-Padre, Alexander Paterson and others will speak. All
Friends of Toc H are welcome.
- 4-30 p.m. HOME-GOING PRAYERS and TEA.

Sunday, December 11th

- 8-15 p.m. A TOC H EVENING FOR BIRMINGHAM in the TOWN HALL on the
occasion of THE TOC H WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT, December 11/12th, 1932.
Speaker: Barclay Baron, Editorial Secretary of Toc H.
The second performance of the Christmas Mime: "*At the Sign of the Star,*"
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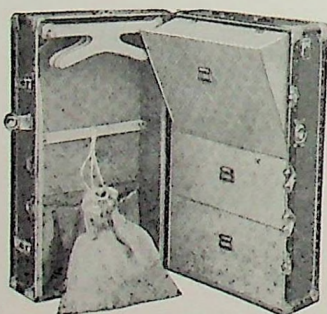
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PROGRAMME of the FESTIVAL EVENING

held in

The Town Hall, Birmingham, on Saturday, December 3rd, 1932

The evening will open with

Music and Song

led by a Special Choir drawn from Members of Toc H in North Wales.

Everyone will be asked to join in a selection of the songs from the enclosed sheet.

Procession of Lamps, Rushlights and Banners

of Branches and Groups in the West Midlands Area and North Wales Division, during which will be sung the words on page 7.

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, K.G.

(Patron of Toc H) will speak.

The Rev. P. B. CLAYTON, M.C., M.A. (Founder Padre of Toc H) will reply.

The Lighting of the New Lamps of Maintenance

by H.R.H. THE PATRON (*see pages 13-17*).

The Festival Ceremony of Light (*see page 9*).

Interval of Fifteen Minutes

Part II

An Orchestral Interlude will precede a performance by the Toc H Players of Birmingham of

“At the Sign of the Star : A Christmas Mime.” (*see page 29*).

At the end of which will be sung “Jerusalem” (*see page 35*).

Family Prayers

The Blessing

by THE LORD BISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM.

J. Lyons' Tea Shops at Victoria Square and 61 New Street, will be open for Refreshments until 11 p.m. on Saturday, December 3rd.

PROGRAMME of a TOC H EVENING

in

The Town Hall, Birmingham,

on

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th

1932



The evening will open at 8-15 p.m. with Music and Hymns played by the City Police Band.

Barclay Baron

Editorial Secretary of Toc H will speak on the origin and aims of Toc H.

The Ceremony of Light

will take place at 9-0 p.m., thus forming a link in the "Toc H World Chain of Light" (*see page 27*).

An Orchestral Interlude will precede

"At the Sign of the Star : A Christmas Mime"

(*see page 29*), at the end of which will be sung "Jerusalem" (*see page 35*).

Family Prayers

The Lighting of the Lamps

*A Roll of the Lamps of Maintenance, with a note on their origin and meaning
will be found on pages 13—17*

During the Procession of Lamps, Rushlights and Banners, the audience will join in singing :—

I

Through the night of doubt and sorrow
Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Singing songs of expectation,
Marching to the Promised Land.

Clear before us through the darkness
Gleams and burns the guiding light :
Brother clasps the hand of brother,
Stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence
O'er his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Brightening all the path we tread.

One the object of our journey,
One the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward,
One the hope our God inspires.

One the strain that lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one ;
One the conflict, one the peril,
One the march in God begun.

One the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the One Almighty Father
Reigns in love for evermore.

B. S. INGEMANN
Translated by S. BARING GOULD.

II

Traditional Melody

He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement,
Shall make him once relent,
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound—
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight ;
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with Thy Spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away !
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

JOHN BUNYAN

The Lamps of the New Branches of Toc H (see page 13) which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is lighting for the first time will enter in the following order :

HITCHIN	WEYMOUTH	GUISBOROUGH
ESHOWE (NATAL)	ACTON	REDCAR
BURY	DARTFORD	ANSTEY
ASHINGTON	KENTISH TOWN	BELGRAVE
PENRITH	BOOTLE	INSTOCK
STOCKTON AND THORNABY	FARNWORTH	MARKET HARBOROUGH
BARNSELY	OLDHAM	WELLINGBOROUGH
YORK (TORONTO)	PRESTON	BROCKLEY
BRAMHALL	ROCHDALE	WATLING
CHISLEHURST	WALLASEY	TOWER HILL
LEATHERHEAD	WARRINGTON	MALTA
DUNCAIRN	WITHINGTON	WINTON
HORNCASTLE	WOKING	ASHFORD
SKEGNESS	PONTYPOOL	KIMBERWORTH
BERKHAMSTEAD	BANGOR	WAKEFIELD
SUDBURY	CODSALL	SMALL HEATH
SLOUGH	LADBROKE	WEST BROMWICH
KELOWNA (B.C.)	NEWPORT (SALOP)	WOODBIDGE
RIPON	PERRY BARR	ST. LAMBERT (MONTREAL)
WELLINGTON (SOMERSET)	STOURBRIDGE	NELSON (NEW ZEALAND)



The Plumer Lamp

The last Lamp to be lit is in memory of the late FIELD MARSHAL VISCOUNT PLUMER OF MESSINES, a President of Toc H and an unfailing friend of the movement since its earliest days, when he commanded the Armies which held the Ypres Salient during the War. It will be carried by General Sir Charles Harington, G.B.E., Commander-in-Chief, Aldershot, on behalf of Toc H in the British Army.

The Prince of Wales will light these Lamps from the parent Lamp which he himself presented in memory of his friends who died in the War.



Immediately before the Ceremony of Light shall be sung the following :
Composed for the Birthday Festival, 1925, by Barclay Baron. Music by Christopher Ogle.

Hail, joyful light ! O worship and praise
 Father and Son and Spirit Divine :
 First and the Last, the Ancient of Days,
 Power and Dominion ever be Thine.
 Light of all light, Thou measureless Love,
 Guide, Thou our feet and lighten our way.
 Now by Thy rising lead us above :
 Thine is salvation, Thou art the Day.

The Ceremony of Light

(This simple ritual is observed at all meetings of Toc H in every part of the world. It will be conducted on this occasion by the Founder Padre of Toc H. All members of the audience are requested to join in the responses.)

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE.

FOUNDER PADRE : With proud thanksgiving let us remember our Elder Brethren.
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old ;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.

ALL : *We will remember them.*

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE.

THE ACT OF SELF-DEDICATION.

FOUNDER PADRE : Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works—
ALL : *And glorify our Father which is in Heaven.*

High over all, Love sceptred and crowned,
King everlasting, Light of the Light,
When we behold Thee let us be found
Worthy to shine as stars in Thy sight.

After this, and before the interval, will be sung the following new Festival Hymn.

The Lamps of Advent

(A Festival Hymn for Toc H, to the Tune of Jean Ingelow's "Song of Praise for London," Tynemouth, Oxford Hym Book, 177).

Brave men began the sacred fire
These Lamps achieved of old,
Re-kindling Everyman's desire
To serve and to uphold.
Long may their reverent radiance
Maintain a mystic grace,
Until their deep obeisance
Falls on a true Friend's face.

Stand back, obliterating night !
Here for His Advent burn
These sentinels of silent light,
Against the Lord's return.
Cleaving our infidelity,
Light is the Spirit's sword.
No cause can wake humanity,
Which fails in watch and ward.

Alert and listen ere you act.
The far hills bid you hark.
Perchance, in presage of His pact,
A drum throbs through the dark.
Go, fire these cressets at the gate !
'To sleep were shame and sin.
Whether He cometh soon or late,
The Master must ride in.

P. B. CLAYTON.

INTERVAL OF FIFTEEN MINUTES.

The Roll of The Lamps of Maintenance

THE BRONZE LAMP OF MAINTENANCE is the symbol of a Branch of Toc H, bestowed when a Group (the probationary stage in the Toc H "family") proves itself worthy of promotion to Branch status. Its shape is modelled on that of lamps in common household use in the first centuries of the Christian era, except that for the Sacred Monogram XP (*Christos*), often found upon their handles, the Double Cross, a part of the arms of the City of Ypres, is substituted.

THE RUSHLIGHT, a replica in bronze of an old English rushlight-holder, is the Symbol of a Group of Toc H, and is surrendered in exchange for a Lamp when the Group is promoted to be a Branch.

Both are lit at meetings of the Branch or Group for the Ceremony of Light and are used for the Initiation of Members. All matters connected with Lamps and Rushlights are regulated by a committee of three, the "Guard of the Lamp."



A Lamp of Maintenance

The Lamp held by each of the 375 Branches of Toc H is dedicated to the memory of someone who has passed over, and every dedication has a story behind it. George Coltman, whose name the Lamp of Mark VI, Birmingham, bears, began as a small boy in an orphanage, emigrated as a lad to Canada, and returned to Europe as a young Canadian soldier in 1914. In 1916 he became a loyal son of Talbot House in Flanders; in the same year he was desperately wounded on the Somme. He met Toc H again in 1921, when the invalid carriage in which he lay motionless was wheeled into the Birthday Festival in London. Not long after, on his painful deathbed, he spoke eagerly of the Prince of Wales, whom he had once seen up the line and longed for a picture of him. Tubby was able, in the very early hours of the day on which George passed over, to report this desire personally to our Patron; the photograph, with a personal message, reached George while he was still conscious and was a great joy to him before the end came.

“ We will Remember Them ”

*Here follows a Roll of all the Lamps of Maintenance held by Branches of 'The H
in the West Midlands Area and North Wales.*

MCMXXII.

BIRMINGHAM (December, 1920). The GEORGE COLTMAN LAMP : In memory of George Coltman, died 7/10/1922, of wounds received on the Somme.

COVENTRY (September, 1921). Presented by the ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB : In memory of its Members who fell in the Great War.

DERBY (August, 1922). The JACK AND GEOFFREY LAMP : In memory of J. B. Hoyle, Lt., 7th Batt. South Lancs., Ovillers-la-Boisselle, 1/7/1916 ; and of G. M. Hoyle, Lt., 2nd Batt. Sherwood Foresters, Hooge, 9/8/1915. (Given by their Sister).

MCMXXVI.

RUGBY (November 1st, 1926). The RUPERT BROOKE LAMP : In memory of Rupert Brooke, Poet. Died at Scyros, 23/4/1915, while serving with the Royal Naval Division. (Given by his Mother).

MCMXXVII.

COLWYN BAY (November 2nd, 1927). In memory of the ELDER BRETHREN OF COLWYN BAY : “ They shall grow not old.” (Given by Lord Colwyn).

MCMXXVIII.

WEDNESFIELD (September 19th, 1928). The ARTHUR LANE LAMP : In memory of Arthur Edward Lane, born at Wednesfield, 27/3/1903 ; died at Newcastle, N.S.W., 4/4/1928.

WOLVERHAMPTON (September 19th, 1928). The PIRIE LAMP : In memory of John Tulloch and William Pirie, killed in action during the Great War. (Given by George Pierce).

HARBORNE (September 19th, 1928). The JOHN LAWRENCE LAMP : In memory of John Wilfrid Dabbs, M.M., 2nd Lt., 1st A.I.F., killed in France, 6/9/1916 ; and of Lawrence Ernest Dabbs, L/Cpl., 1/1st Worcestershire Yeomanry, killed in Palestine, 15/11/1917. (Given by his Brother).

MCMXXIX.

CANNOCK (September 18th, 1929). The FARMER LAMP : In memory of Ernest William Farmer, Pte., 1st South Staffs. Regt. Somme, 31/8/1916. (Given by the Branch).

HANDSWORTH (September 18th, 1929). The GORDON GETHING LAMP : In memory of William Gordon Gething, 2nd Lt., 2/6th South Staffs. Regt. Ypres, 23/9/1917. (Given by his Father).

MCMXXX.

ROWDITCH (June 4th, 1930). The ERNEST RICHARD POTTS LAMP: In memory of Ernest Richard Potts, Pte., 2/5th Notts. and Derby Regt., on the Somme, 21/4/1918. (Given by his Father).

OAKENGATES (November 5th, 1930). The EDWARD CYRIL SPEARMAN LAMP: In memory of Edward Cyril Spearman, Sapper, Royal Engineers; Umbrella Hill, Samson Ridge, Palestine, 2/11/1917. (Given by his Father).

MCMXXXI.

ALFRETON (January 7th, 1931). The FRANK BINGHAM LAMP: In memory of Frank Miller Bingham, Capt., 5th Batt. Royal Lancaster Regt.; Sanctuary Wood, 22/5/1915. (Given by his Father).

UTTOXETER (January 7th, 1931). The CHARLES BUNTING LAMP: In memory of Charles Bunting and the Uttoxeter Elder Brethren, 1914-1918. (Given by Mrs. Bunting).

WALSALL (February 4th, 1931). In memory of the MEN OF WALSALL who passed over, 1914-1918. "They shall grow not old." (Given by Ten Members).

MOSELEY (April 1st, 1931). The AUSTIN MURRAY LAMP: In memory of Maurice Austin Murray, Lieut., 11th Essex Regt., wounded and missing, Loos, 26/9/1915. (Given by his Parents).

WILLENHALL (April 1st, 1931). The NORMAN TURNER LAMP: In memory of the Elder Brethren of Willenhall who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1918. (Given by Branch Members).

KIDDERMINSTER (April 1st, 1931). The MORGAN LAMP: In memory of Percy Swain Morgan, Regt. Sgt. Major, Royal Warwickshire Regt.; Corbie, 13/12/1915. (Given by his Father).

LYE (April 1st, 1931). The MARY ANN BROOKS LAMP: In memory of Mary Ann Brooks, who passed over, 11/1/1931. "She went about doing good." (Given by her Nephew).

WORCESTER (April 1st, 1931). The BARNETT-BUTCHER LAMP: In memory of John Spencer Barnett, Pte., A.S.C.(M.T.), attached R.A.F.; died of sickness at Coventry, 6/11/1918; and of Arthur James Basil Butcher, 2nd Lieut., 6th att. 17th King's Royal Rifles; Beaumont Hamel, 3/9/1916. (Given by their Relations).

MCMXXXII.

The following Lamps will be lit on December 3rd (*see pages 13-17*):

BANGOR, CODSALL, LADBROKE, NEWPORT, PERRY BARR,
SMALL HEATH, STOURBRIDGE, WEST BROMWICH.

THE NEW LAMPS OF MAINTENANCE

MCMXXXI and MCMXXXII.

The following Groups have been promoted to Branch status since June, 1931. Their Lamps bear the following memorial inscriptions engraved upon the Caskets, and will first be lit by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales at the Town Hall, Birmingham, on December 3rd, 1932.

HITCHIN (June 3rd, 1931). THE HITCHIN LAMP: To the Men of Hitchin who fell in the Great War. (Given by the Branch).

ESHOWE (ZULULAND, NATAL) (January 6th, 1932). THE BROCKWELL LAMP: In memory of Ernest Frederick Brockwell, Lce-Cpl., 2nd Batt. South African Infantry. Delville Wood. 16/7/1916. (Given by the Branch).

BURY (February 3rd, 1932). The CHARLES HILL LAMP: In memory of Charles Edward Cecil Hill, Lt., 1st Batt. Highland Light Infantry. The Tigris, 16/4/1916. (Given by his Father).

ASHINGTON (April 6th, 1932). The ASHINGTON LAMP: In memory of Anthony Philip Gairdner, Lt., 4th South African Infantry. 28/9/1923; of George Robert Lillico, Lce-Cpl., R.E. Somme, 16/2/1917; and of our Scout Elder Brethren of Ashington and Newbiggin. (Given by Dr. and Mrs. F. Gairdner, Friends and Scouts).

PENRITH (April 6th, 1932). The JAMES ALTHAM LAMP: In memory of James Altham, of Brunswick Hall, Penrith. Edinburgh, 21/3/1930. (Given by his Mother).

STOCKTON AND THORNABY (April 6th, 1932). 5TH BATTALION, THE DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY LAMP: In memory of our Relations and Friends. (Given by Brevet Colonel Harold E. Kitching).

BARNSLEY (April 6th, 1932). The MINERS' LAMP: Dedicated to the memory of the Miners of Barnsley Coalfield, who have given their lives in War and Peace. (Given by the Owners, Management and Men of the Barnsley Coalfields).

YORK (TORONTO, CANADA) (April 6th, 1932). The MARY BLANCHE STEVENSON LAMP: In memory of Mary Blanche Stevenson, who passed over at Picton, Ontario, Canada. 25/8/1927. (Given by the Branch).

BRAMHALL (May 4th, 1932). The BROTHERS REDFERN LAMP: Given by their Mother in memory of R. Lea Redfern and Alfred J. Redfern; and of all Bramhall men who fell in the Great War.

CHISLEHURST (May 4th, 1932). The LEONARD DAVIES LAMP: In memory of Leonard Davies, M.A., Lt. (A/Capt.), 9th Batt. The Rifle Brigade. Wancourt, near Arras, 3/6/1917. (Given by his Mother and Sisters).

LEATHERHEAD (May 4th, 1932). The WILLIE WHISSON LAMP : In memory of W. H. Whisson, 2nd Lt., 1/7th Middlesex Regt. Arras, 6/5/1917. (Given by his Family).

DUNCAIRN (BELFAST) (June 1st, 1932). The PAUL POLLOCK LAMP : In memory of Paul Gilchrist Pollock, 14th Batt. Royal Irish Rifles (Y.C.V.s). The Somme, 1/7/1916. (Given by his Father).

HORNCastle (June 1st, 1932). The JESSOP LAMP : In memory of John William Jessop, Lt.-Col., 4th Batt. Lincolnshire Regt. Kemmel, 4/6/1915. (Given by Friends and Members of the Branch).

SKEGNESS (June 1st, 1932). The SKEGNESS LAMP : In memory of the Elder Brethren of Skegness. (Given by the Families of Three Elder Brethren).

BERKHAMSTED (June 1st, 1932). The EDWARD SPRUNT LAMP : In memory of Edward Sprunt and of his Two Brothers, Dalzell and Gerald. (Given by their Father and Mother).

SUDBURY (June 1st, 1932). The BRADSHAW LAMP : In memory of Louis Bradshaw, Gunner, R.G.A. Ypres, 28/10/1917. (Given by his Widow).

SLOUGH (June 1st, 1932). The JONES LAMP : In memory of Thomas Luke Jones, M.C., 2nd Lt., R.A.S.C., M.T., attd. 27th Siege Battery, R.G.A. Amt. Col. Arras, 9/10/1918. (Given by his Widow).

KELOWNA (BRITISH COLUMBIA) (June 1st, 1932). The IAN CAMERON LAMP : In memory of Ian McKenzie Cameron, Lieut., 15th Batt., C.E.F., Vimy, 9/4/1917.

RIPON (June 29th, 1932). The FAWCETT LAMP : In memory of Richard Wilfrid Fawcett, 2nd Lt., South Staffordshire Regt. La Basse Canal, 25/9/1915. (Given by his Mother).

WELLINGTON (SOMERSET) (June 29th, 1932). The STANLEY GREGORY LAMP : In memory of Walter Stanley Gregory, 2nd Lt., 5th Batt. Wiltshire Regt. Adhaim, Mesopotamia, 30/4/1917. (Given by his Family).

WEYMOUTH (June 29th, 1932). The RALPH HARE AND THE ELDER BRETHREN OF WEYMOUTH LAMP : In memory of Ralph George Hare, aged 20. Weymouth. 1/2/1930. True and brave in life and death. (Given by the Branch).

ACTON (June 29th, 1932). The CHAMPNESS LAMP : In memory of Bernard Champness, Artists' Rifles and Kensingtons. Neuville St. Vaast, 27/7/1916. (Given by his Mother).

DARTFORD (June 29th, 1932). The KEYES LAMP : In memory of Cleveland Keyes, M.C., Major, Royal Field Artillery. St. Quentin, 24/3/1918. (Given by his Father).

KENTISH TOWN (June 29th, 1932). The LILLIS-CUST LAMP: In memory of Arthur John Purey-Cust, Sub-Lt., R.N., *H.M.S. Strongbow*. 17/10/1917; and of Harold Patrick Lillis, London School of Tropical Medicines. 4/8/1930.

(Given by their Friends).

BOOTLE (July 27th, 1932). The PLIMSOLL LAMP: Dedicated to Samuel Plimsoll, the originator of the Plimsoll Mark in Shipping.

(Given by the Branch).

FARNWORTH (July 27th, 1932). The FARNWORTH LAMP: To those Citizens of our Town who, having received the Light, passed it on and counted not the cost.

(Given by the Branch).

OLDHAM (July 27th, 1932). The THOMAS FAWSITT LAMP: In memory of Thomas Fawsitt, M.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Freeman of the Borough of Oldham. 26/5/1932.

(Given by the Branch).

PRESTON (July 27th, 1932). The 55TH (WEST LANCS.) DIVISION LAMP: In loving memory of the Elder Brethren, especially those who fell at Festubert. April, 1918.

(Given by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nightingale).

ROCHDALE (July 27th, 1932). The TAYLOR-DICKINSON LAMP: In memory of Thomas Ralph Taylor, 2nd Lt., 2/6th Lancashire Fusiliers. Gallipoli, 7/8/1915; and of George Dickinson, Pte., 76th Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C., attd. 3rd Worcestershire Regt. Messines Ridge, 11/6/1917.

(Given by Councillor Lyon Taylor, J.P., and Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson).

WALLASEY (July 27th, 1932). The WAYFARERS' LAMP: In memory of the Elder Brethren of Wallasey.

(Given by the Branch).

WARRINGTON (July 27th, 1932). The SOUTH LANCASHIRE LAMP: To the memory of all ranks of The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire) who have passed on.

(Given by Brian T. Dickson.)

WITHINGTON (July 27th, 1932). The WITHINGTON LAMP: To the Elder Brethren of Withington.

(Given by the Branch).

WOKING (July 27th, 1932). The ELDER BRETHREN LAMP: In memory of the Elder Brethren of Woking and District.

(Given by the Branch).

PONTYPOOL (July 27th, 1932). The TREOWEN LAMP: In memory of the Hon. Elidyr Herbert, Captain, Royal Gloucestershire Hussars. Palestine, 12/11/1917.

(Given by his Father).

BANGOR (July 27th, 1932). The NESTOR LAMP: Dedicated to the memory of Sir Harry R. Reichel, M.A., LL.D. 22/6/1931; and of the Elder Brethren of Bangor.

(Given by Colonel and Miss M. E. Pope).

CODSALL (July 27th, 1932). The LIONEL DAVID LAMP: In memory of Lionel Adolf David David, 2nd Lt., 7th Yorks. Regt. Fricourt, 1/7/1916. (Given by his Family).

- LADBROKE (July 27th, 1932). The TREMEARNE LAMP: In memory of Newman Tremearne, M.A., LL.M., M.Sc., Major; and Crew Tremearne, B.A., 2nd Lt., both of 8th Seaforth Highlanders. Loos, 25/9/1915; and of Dick Tremearne, 2nd Lt., 5th Royal Warwickshire Regt. South Africa, 14/4/1902.
(Given by Mrs. Newman Tremearne).
- NEWPORT, SALOP (July 27th, 1932). The GORDON BUDGEN LAMP: In memory of Robert Gordon Budgen, Lieut., 5th King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Ypres, 24/8/1915.
(Given by his Father and Mother).
- PERRY BARR (July 27th, 1932). The FERD AND JOHN LAMP: In memory of William Ferdinand Wilkins, Pte., 15th Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regt. Arras, 4/6/1916; and of John Richard Jenkins, Pte., 14th City Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regt. Rouen, 24/1/1916.
(Given by their Families).
- STOURBRIDGE (July 27th, 1932). The EBENEZER BOWDLER LAMP: In memory of Ebenezer Bowdler, of Stourbridge. 5/5/1932.
(Given by his Family).
- GUISBOROUGH (September 27th, 1932). The DITCHBURN-BERWICK LAMP: In memory of Ronald Barr Ditchburn. Guisborough. 14/6/1930; of the Rev. Theodore Francis Hartley Berwick, M.A. Guisborough. 22/7/1931; and of our Elder Brethren. "They shall grow not old."
(Given by the Branch).
- REDCAR (September 27th, 1932). The ZETLAND LAMP: In memory of the Marquis of Zetland, K.T. Aske. 11/3/1929.
(Given by his Widow.)
- ANSTEY (September 27th, 1932). The COOKE-MARTIN-WILLETT LAMP: In memory of Robert Cooke, Pte., R.A.M.C. Gouzeaucourt, 3/1/1918; of William Francis Martin, Major, Leicestershire Yeomanry. Ypres, 13/5/1915; and of Alfred Henry Willett, Pte., R.A.M.C. 17/5/1918. "Greater love hath no man than this."
(Given by their Brothers).
- BELGRAVE (September 27th, 1932). The ERIC HODKINSON LAMP: In memory of Eric Hodgkinson. 30/12/1931.
(Given by his Family).
- IBSTOCK (September 27th, 1932). The GEORGE ANDREWS LAMP: In loving memory of George Andrews, who died 31/3/1927. Aged 29. (Given by Miss Alma Harratt).
- MARKET HARBOROUGH (September 27th, 1932). The JEFFRIES LAMP: In memory of Harold John Fotheringham Jeffries, Major, 5th Batt. Leicestershire Regt. Hooge Salient, 26/9/1915.
(Given by his Family).
- WELLINGBOROUGH (September 27th, 1932). The GENT LAMP: In memory of Frank Ernest Gent, Lieut., 9th West Yorkshire Regt. Gallipoli, 9/8/1915.
(Given by his Family).
- BROCKLEY (September 27th, 1932). The FATHERS' LAMP: In memory of Arthur Edward Smith. Brockley, 12/12/1914; and of Richard William Page, Rifleman, Royal Irish Rifles, Passchendaele. 7/8/1917.
(Given by the Branch).
- WATLING (HENDON, LONDON) (September 27th, 1932). The MOTHERHOOD LAMP: To an Unknown Mother.
(Given by Friends of the Branch).

TOWER HILL (LONDON) (September 27th, 1932). The ARCHBISHOP DAVIDSON LAMP :
In memory of Randall Thomas, Lord Davidson, Archbishop of Canterbury, trusted
friend of Toc H. 25/5/1930. (Given by the Rev. H. B. and Mrs. Ellison).

MALTA (September 27th, 1932). The CONGREVE LAMP : In memory of General Sir
Walter Congreve, V.C., and of his son, Brevet Major William Congreve, V.C.
(Given by Lt.-Com. Sir Geoffrey Congreve, Bt., R.N.)

WINTON (October 3rd, 1932). The HARRIS LAMP : In memory of Albert Nansen Harris,
2nd Lt., 8th Royal West Kent Regt. Loos, 25/9/1915. (Given by his Father).

ASHFORD (October 12th, 1932). The CORBETT LAMP : In memory of our Elder Brethren
and particularly of Tommy Corbett, passed over, Salonica, 1916.
(Given by a Friend and Members of the Branch.)

KIMBERWORTH (October 12th, 1932). The KIMBERWORTH LAMP : In memory of the
Elder Brethren of Kimberworth. (Given by the Branch).

WAKEFIELD (October 12th, 1932). The BEATRICE LAMP : Dedicated to the memory
of our New Zealand Brethren of the Great War, 1914-1918.
(Given by Mrs. B. E. Dormer Knowles).

SMALL HEATH (October 12th, 1932). The SMALL HEATH LAMP : In memory of Bert
Pullen, 3/9/1928, and all other Elder Brethren of Small Heath ; also of all ranks of the
1st, 2nd and 3rd Birmingham (14th, 15th, 16th) Batts. Royal Warwickshire Regt.
who gave their lives in the Great War. (Given by the Branch).

WEST BROMWICH (October 12th, 1932). The INTERNATIONAL LAMP : To the Elder
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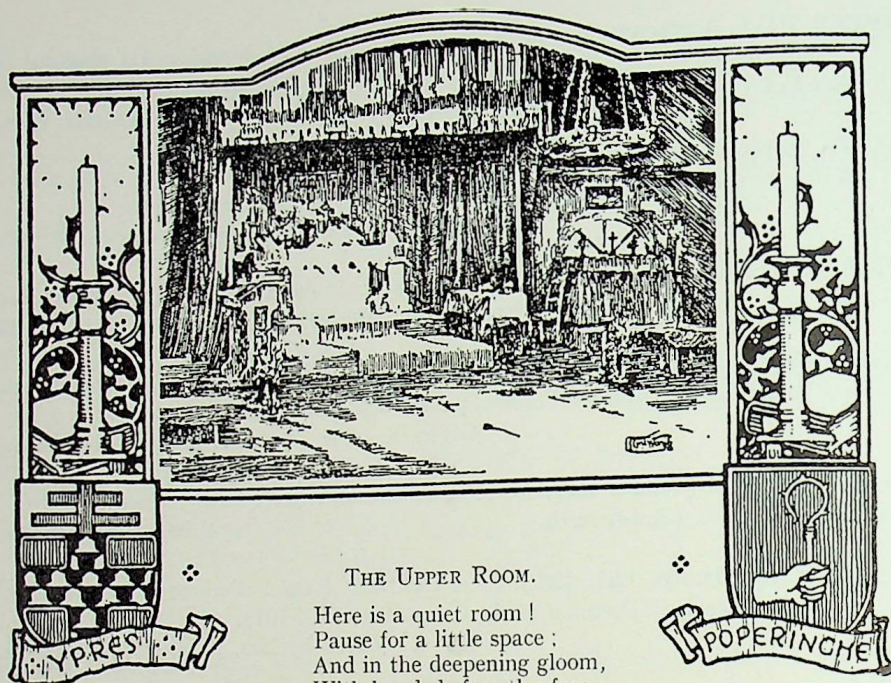
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Elder Brethren of Woodbridge. (Given by the late Sir Basil Cave, K.C.M.G., C.B.).

ST. LAMBERT (MONTREAL, CANADA) (November 9th, 1932). *Dedication not yet notified.*

NELSON (NEW ZEALAND) (November 9th, 1932). The JAMES HOULKER LAMP : Dedicated
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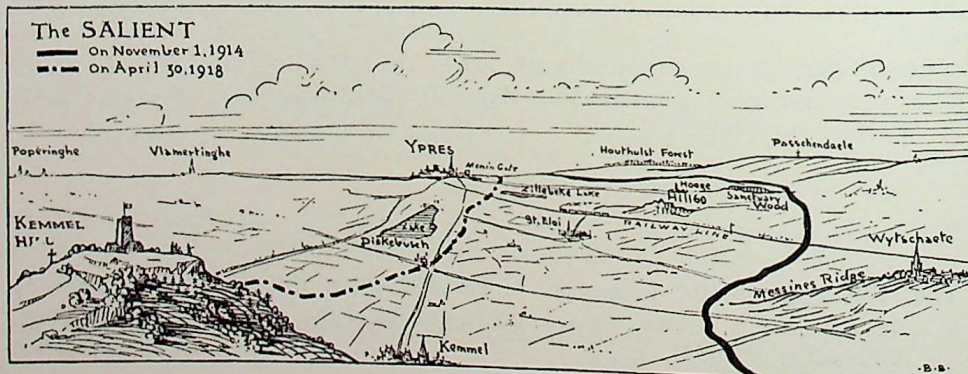
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THE PLUMER LAMP : In memory of FIELD-MARSHAL THE VISCOUNT PLUMER OF
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A President of Toc H. 16/7/1932.



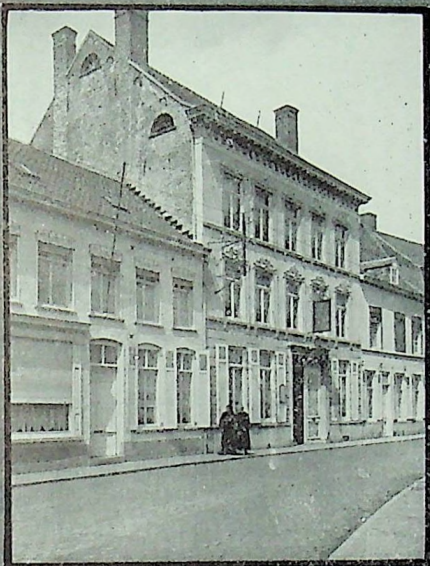
Let no unholy thought
 Enter they musing mind—
 Things that the world hath wrought—
 Unclean—untrue—unkind—
 Leave these behind.

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 Rise from your knees less clod
 Than when your prayer began,
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The Old House, 1932



ABOVE: The front of Talbot House. A corner of the new Library.
BELOW: The panelled Upper Landing. The Entrance Hall.

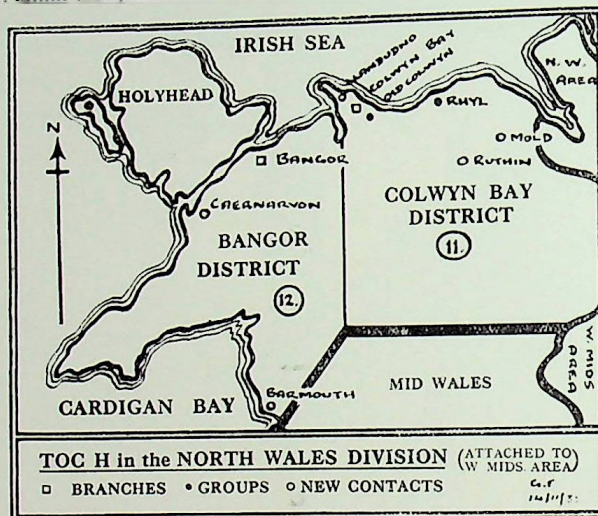
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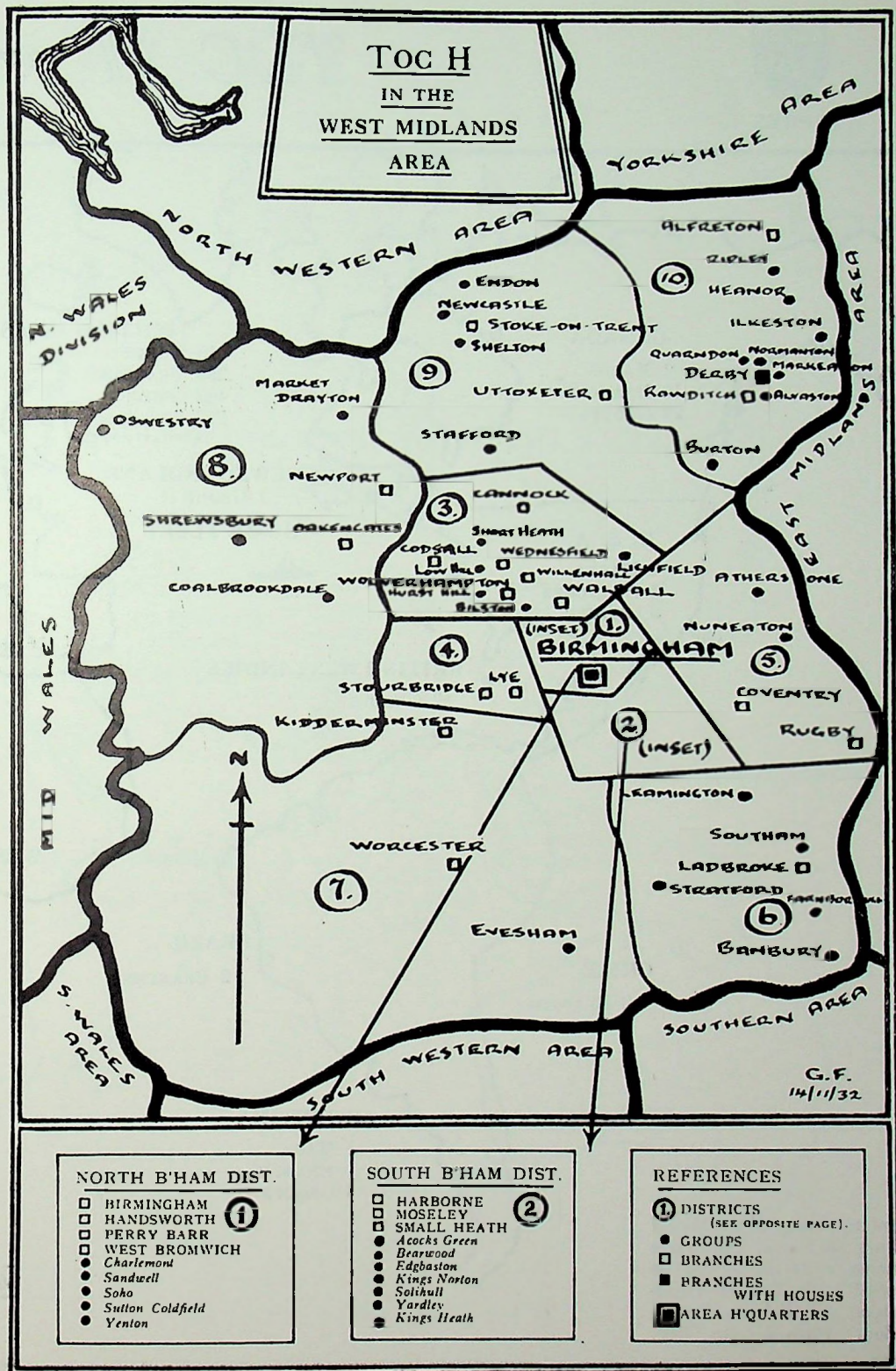


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12. BANGOR DISTRICT. BANGOR (1932), Holyhead.

NOTE. Branches in SMALL CAPITALS with date of promotion, Groups in *Italics*.

Total Number of Branches in the Area, 29. Total Number of Groups, 42.

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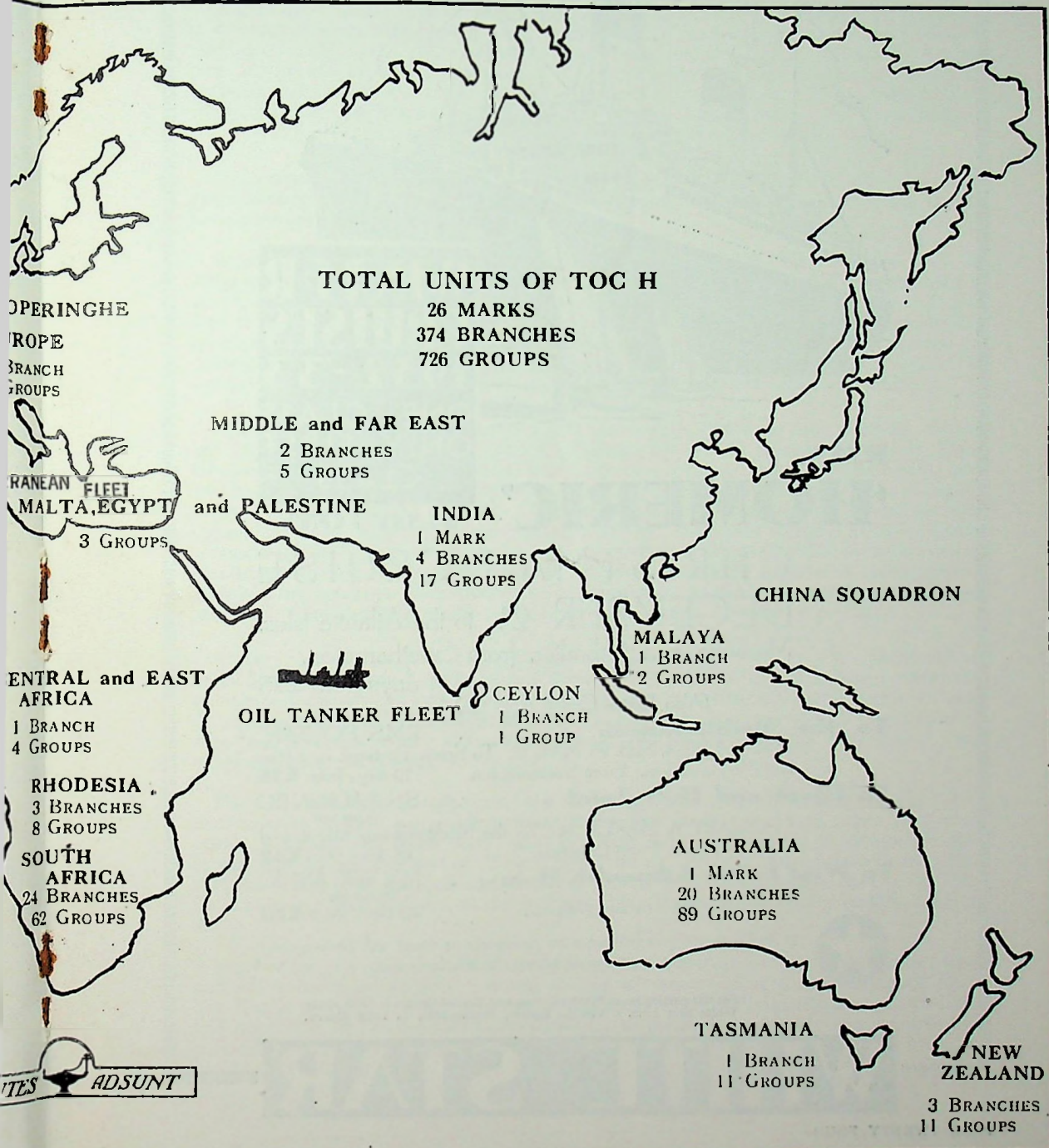


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Toc H Overseas

In the beginning Toc H was an Empire growth. Canadians, New Zealanders, Australians, men who had never thought to set foot on British soil, until they came to share an agony they could easily have avoided, created Talbot House, and stood by its true spirit. Therefore, the growth of twelve years round the Empire has not been artificial or a forced extension. It has been natural at each place and at each period. It has been carried freely, and, like the Empire itself, created not by men who had to go, but by volunteers who loved Toc H too much to part with it and therefore carried it with them.

In the same natural way Toc H is beginning to spread to non-British lands. In many cases foreigners have seen a vision for their own country through contact with Toc H and have gone back to make their dreams come true.

Those who have studied Great Britain know quite well that this small country still flings overseas a number of its more adventurous spirits. It is the law of our national life that the more gallant fledglings should leave the home-nest from a sense of duty. Therefore, it comes to be that Toc H has indeed a part to serve. It is not in itself a society for propagating migration by any of the ordinary methods, but it is deeply concerned to consecrate the channels of migration, and to prevent the quite unnecessary casualties in conduct and in character which still occur when young men leave home influence.

The work of the Overseas Office of Toc H was inaugurated some four years ago by the late Sir Ludovic Porter, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E. Through the Toc H Honorary Overseas' Commissioners, each of whom has special knowledge of the country which he represents, men who are going abroad are now able to get intimate and expert advice as to what to expect in the life that lies ahead of them. They can be given introductions to a wider circle of acquaintanceship, with a consequent broader outlook, than they will find in the ordinary course of things. Again, if they so wish it, they will be welcomed by Toc H members and encouraged to look to them for whatever friendship and local experience can supply in their new surroundings. This involves no compulsion on the newcomer to become a member of Toc H, membership of which can only be secured after a period of probation.

Already, both in and about London, and in Manchester, there are some twenty Commissioners or "Advisers" ready for any demand on their services. It is hoped eventually to have a team of such men available for interviews and correspondence within striking distance of all the chief industrial areas and seaports of the country. As the number of men going overseas returns more to the normal, this may well become a very vital piece of constructive world work.

Many business firms already realise the advantages which the plan has to offer, and send in the names of their men going overseas to the Overseas Office. It is hoped that many others, if not all, will follow suit, and that it may be made a matter of routine not only in business houses but in Government departments and establishments of every kind that the names of all going abroad should be sent at the earliest possible date to the Hon. Chief Overseas Commissioner, at the Overseas Office of Toc H, 42 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

Many of the great schools in the country begin to see the value of this branch of the work and are co-operating actively. In the case of newcomers going to places abroad where Toc H does not exist, we welcome the permission given by many headmasters to use their Old Boys' lists, and to commend newcomers to the goodwill of some old boy living in that particular area, this being done with the approval of, and after consultation with, the headmaster himself.

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The World Chain of Light, December 11-12

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The idea was first conceived by Toc H Australia in 1929 ; they gained the co-operation of their fellow-members in all countries and started the Chain at their Federal Birthday Festival at Perth, Western Australia, in May of that year. The ceremony was repeated in 1930, when the Lamp was lit by the Founder Padré, Rev. P. T. B. ("Tubby") Clayton, M.C., M.A., in the Upper Room at Poperinghe on December 5. Last year it started from St. Mary's Cathedral, Johannesburg, on the occasion of the Transvaal Birthday on Nov. 2. This year the Lamp will be lit in the Upper Room of Talbot House, Poperinghe, by "Tubby," at 9 p.m. on Sunday, December 11th (the anniversary of the birth of Toc H in Poperinghe seventeen years ago) and will travel westward through all the units in Great Britain and Ireland, West Africa, West Indies, Canada, U.S.A., South America, New Zealand, Australia, Malay States, India, East and South Africa, Rhodesia, Malta, Italy and Germany, until it is received back at Talbot House, Poperinghe at 9 p.m. on Monday, December 12th.

The significance of this simple symbolic act is plain, but a word or two about it may be welcomed by those who have not taken part in it before. The lighting of the Lamp or Rushlight, with its two-fold meaning of remembrance and self-dedication, which we hope custom will never stale or obscure, is in itself a sign of unity among us ; it is the one unchanging small ritual which is common to all parts of the family, in whatever country or language or circumstance. And actually—too seldom remembered by most of us at the time of Lamp-lighting—the chain of light and love is forged every night in the year, as one little gathering after another, meeting at different hours according to the setting of the sun at different points upon the moving globe, kindles its tiny flame. If one can imagine oneself poised in space above the rolling earth for twenty-four hours and watching with eyesight keener than any eagle, one would see point after point of light spring up for a minute and die away, from East to West, as Toc H units held their ceremony of "Light." During one twenty-four hours in the year, therefore, we propose to exercise our imaginations in this way, to light our own Lamp or Rushlight with the conviction that it is an indispensable link in a world chain of lights, to feel that we are passing it on—with a heartfelt brotherly greeting—to the next unit waiting to receive it. At home, in our overcrowded islands, we are continually in close touch and feel, perhaps, less need to signify our unity with one another, but in many places beyond the seas, members are separated by hundreds of miles and scarcely, if ever, see each other face to face. To them especially such a token that others think of them at a given time means much. Let us not fail them in this.

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		LOUDON GREENLEES
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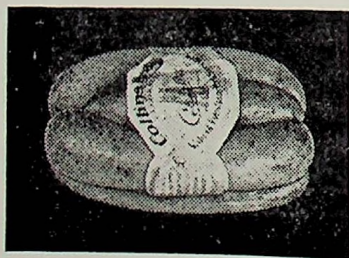
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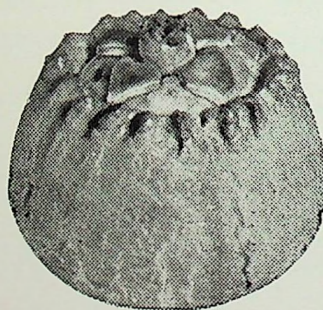
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"*The Sign of the Star*" is published, with text, music and stage directions, by the Oxford University Press, price 2s. It is on sale in the Hall at this performance, or may be ordered through the Registrar, Toc H, 47, Francis Street, London, S.W.1.

Synopsis

Three men meet outside a country inn, *The Star*, late on Christmas Eve. Their Christian names are traditional titles of the three Magi, and their surnames represent three individual virtues. CASPAR FAITH, an old blind man, comes in first and loses his way; MELCHIOR HELP, a young man, runs to his assistance; BALTHASAR HUMBLE, a coloured pedlar, joins them, singing, as he comes, this song:

I would I were some bird or star,
Flutt'ring in woods, or lifted far
Above this Inn
And road of sin!
Then either star or bird should be
Shining or singing still to Thee.

I would I had in my best part
Fit rooms for Thee! or that my heart
Were so clean as
Thy manger was!
But I am all filth and obscene;
Yet, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make clean.

The three are discovered by the Watchman, who is the Archangel GABRIEL in disguise, and are taken by him to the door of the Inn, where MASTER SURLY, the landlord, refuses them admittance.

A crowd of VILLAGERS, singing and dancing, come upon the scene, with the Yule-log in their midst and the boy FOLLY astride of it. They enter to the old morris tune, and then break into a traditional *Wassail* song, joined by some TOPERS from the Inn, bringing out the Wassail bowl:

Wassail and wassail, all over the town!
The cup it is white and the ale it is brown;
The cup it is made of the good ashén tree,
And so is the malt of the best barley.
For it's your wassail, and it's our wassail,
And it's joy be to you and a jolly wassail!

Master and missus, are you all within?
Pray open the door and let us come in.
O master and missus, a-sitting by the fire,
Pray think upon poor trav'lers, trav'ling in the mire!
For it's our wassail, etc.

Where is the maid with the silver-headed pin,
To open the door and let us come in?
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There was an old man and he had an old cow,
And how for to keep her he didn't know how ;
He built up a barn for to keep his cow warm—
And a drop or two of cider will do us no harm.

No harm, boys, harm ; no harm, boys, harm,
And a drop or two of cider will do us no harm.

* The "great dog" of Lamport probably refers to the invading Danes of King Alfred's time, whose tradition still lingers in Somerset.

The revellers spy CASPAR, MELCHIOR and BALTHASAR and chase them away. Villagers now run in and dance an old country dance on the green. As the church bells, chiming a quarter to midnight, make them pause, GABRIEL steps forward and announces that "the King is near."

Enter SIR GLORY VAIN, LADY DESIRE and their train, the World, the Flesh and the Devil—pompous gentle-folk. When they begin to approach the Inn, GABRIEL waves them imperiously aside and announces again that "the King comes now." The village crowd, disillusioned about the royalty of the proud gentle-folk, turn again expectantly towards the entrance.

There enter now MARY and JOSEPH, working people, who have tramped far. She is very weary and leans on her husband's arm. The crowd at the first sight of them would jeer, but the jeer dies on their lips as GABRIEL comes down to meet them with great reverence and leads them towards the Inn. As they go, voices are heard singing an old song :

I sing of a Maiden
That is makeless ;†
King of all kings
To her Son she ches.‡
He came all so still
Where His Mother was,
As dew in April
That falleth on the grass.

† Matchless.

He came all so still
To His Mother's bower,
As dew in April
That falleth on the flower.
Mother and maiden
Was never none but she ;
Well may such a lady
God's Mother be.

‡ Chose.

Meanwhile GABRIEL has led MARY and JOSEPH to the door of the Inn ; MASTER SURLY refuses them admittance, but, taking them across to the stable door, unlocks it, and they go in.

While the crowd is still wondering, SHEPHERDS enter, seeking the King, and making enquiry which no one can answer.

The church clock chimes midnight, and while twelve is still striking, a Star begins to glow above the stable ; the villagers sink to their knees. Then there bursts out *Gloria in excelsis Deo*, and GABRIEL announces that the night is past. The stable door opens and the Holy Family, attended by the Archangels MICHAEL and RAPHAEL and cherubs, come out to the people. Voices are heard singing :

This endris* night I saw a sight,
A star as bright as day ;
And ever among a maiden sung
Lulla, by by, lullay.

This lovely lady sat and sung,
And to her Child did say
"My Son, my Brother, Father dear,
Why liest Thou thus in hay ?

My sweetest bird, thus 'tis required,
Though thou be King veray,†
But nevertheless I will not cease
To sing, by by lullay.

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And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark Satanic mills ?

Bring me my bow of burning gold ;
Bring me arrows of desire ;
Bring me my spear ; O clouds, unfold !
Bring me my chariot of fire.
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.



"The Four Points of the Compass"

The chief aims of Toc H are expressed in its "Four Points of the Compass." The origin of the Four Points is to be traced to a sub-committee, consisting of "Tubby" (Rev. P. B. Clayton, Founder Padre of Toc H), "Dick" Sheppard, and Alec Paterson, who made their Communion together at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and afterwards met for breakfast and discussion, some time in 1920. A form of words was drawn up, as the outcome of this, which has undergone various modifications and appeared in different guises, *e.g.*, the "*Four Points*" as now printed on the back of the form of application for membership of Toc H, the four main aims of Toc H as defined in its *Royal Charter* (1922), the "*Main Resolution*" passed in 1922 by its first Birthday Conference, and a petition in the *Litany concerning Toc H* (1923). The intention of all these is clearly the same. It may suffice here to quote the *Main Resolution* in its entirety :

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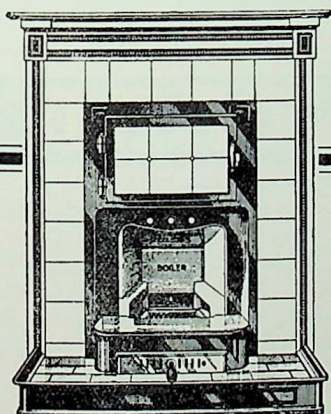
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ORIGIN: Talbot House in war-time was "Everyman's Club," whose motto, "All rank abandon ye who enter here," brought officers and men irrespective of class or creed, into a friendship which mounted from the jovial welcome of the open door to the hallowed communion of the Upper Room. It was opened in December, 1915, at Poperinghe, the nearest habitable town behind Ypres, by Padres Neville Talbot (today Bishop of Pretoria), and Philip Clayton ("Tubby," now Vicar of All Hallows-by-the-Tower, a guild church of Toc H). In 1929, by the far-seeing generosity of Lord Wakefield, Talbot House came once again into the keeping of Toc H, to be a place of pilgrimage and training for ever.

BASIS: From the first Toc H has tried to be a family, whose members—whether attached to any Christian denomination or not—endeavour to live their lives according to Christian principles and "to challenge their generation to seek in all things the mind of Christ."

RE-BIRTH : Toc H was started again on a modest scale in 1919-1920 by Tubby and a band of survivors of the Ypres Salient. Its first aim was to recapture the War's spirit of comradeship in common service, and to pass it on to the younger generation for the greater task of peace. Two years from this beginning, the tiny experiment had been repeated throughout the length of England, and within five it had girdled the earth and overleapt the bounds of British race. Yet its membership is still comparatively small, for Toc H is no mass movement, but an intimate and personal way of life spread from man to man by individual example. In 1922, its position was assured by the grant of a Royal Charter.

ORGANISATION : One or more keen "pivotal" men in a district collect others round them and form a small tentative *Group*. This Group, in course of time and after real test of stability, unity and work, may become a *Branch*, which is granted a Lamp of Maintenance as a symbol of its trust and responsibility, to be lit with a simple ceremony at all meetings. Each of these is dedicated to the memory of one of the Elder Brethren—those who, whether in peace or war, passed over in the doing of unsparing service for their fellows. In certain cities, a team of members live together in a House, or "Mark," the visible embodiment of Talbot House and a centre of effort in the area. At the present time there are some twenty-six Marks and 1,100 units of Toc H throughout the world.

OBJECTS : The idea underlying Toc H are as old as history—Fellowship and Service. Each member in Toc H pledges himself to Fellowship with other men and to the Service of those less fortunate than he. Its members are drawn from all ranks of society, from all Christian denominations, all schools of thought and political parties, for it is not primarily an ex-Service society, but a Club for every man, in which youth now takes the greater part. Toc H remembers the past, but looks to the future in hope and confidence.

FELLOWSHIP : This is fostered by the corporate life of the Branches, Groups and Marks of Toc H, by their weekly meetings, and more especially by their frequent Guest-Nights, when members may introduce friends and all men are equally welcome into the Family circle.

SERVICE : The voluntary service of Toc H members flows in three main streams: (a) Individual help and care to the sick, the disabled, the blind, the deaf and dumb, the lonely, the down-and-out, and all needing friendship and encouragement; (b) Leadership and comradeship of boys and younger men in clubs, camps, classes and Scout Troops; (c) Corporate jobs of many kinds as the keen spare-time work of Branch or Group—installing wireless for hospitals, making playgrounds for children, or providing Hostel accommodation for poor boys. Social Service of all these kinds is directed in each place by a voluntary *Jobmaster*. Toc H in no way competes with existing organisations; it encourages and trains its members to help them.

MEMBERSHIP : All men, from the age of 16 upwards, who are in sympathy with its aims and objects, are eligible for membership of Toc H. Candidates are required to fill up a form of application, to be proposed and seconded by members, and to undergo a period of probation, varying in length according to circumstances, but it is recommended that they first make themselves known to their local unit, where they will be welcomed as enquiring friends into the life of the Branch or Group. The minimum annual subscription is 2s. 6d. for ordinary members.

TOC H LEAGUE OF WOMEN HELPERS.

There is a similar society for women, sharing the same spirit, pledged to the same objects, and organised on very similar lines. Its Patroness is H.R.H. the Duchess of York. Information from the General Secretary, 112-113 Chandos House, Palmer Street, Victoria Street, S.W.1.

For Friends who want to help

The money which is necessary for the carrying on of the smallest possible organisation is largely raised by the self-denying efforts of members, many of whom have little enough to spare, but for funds for building firm foundations and for urgent growth and expansion, Toc H is dependent on friends outside. Besides the great gifts of houses or endowments of chaplaincies, the value of which cannot easily be calculated, there are several ways in which Everyman can help :

LEGACIES : A simple form of legacy is as follows : " I bequeath to Toc H (Incorporated) the sum of £ to be applied for the purposes of the said Toc H (Incorporated), and I direct the said legacy to be paid free of death duty and as soon as conveniently may be after my death."

TOC H BUILDERS : There are many who, finding themselves unable to take an active part in Toc H, yet wish to support the movement to the best of their power. These may well become Toc H Builders, contributing £1 or more a year, which may be allotted to local or headquarters needs as desired, and in return, receiving monthly the TOC H JOURNAL. Builders' forms may be obtained from Headquarters or from Area Secretaries.

A Christmas Job for Toc H and L.W.H.

A family of Toc H and L.W.H. last year tried out a plan which brought undreamt success. An appeal for discarded and part worn toys and games was issued to the friends and acquaintances of members of the family.

On the inward flow of 1000 gifts, the meeting room was transformed into a toy repairing workshop, and salvage operations soon made 900 worn and broken toys into small gifts to help brighten the lives of children who otherwise would not have had this simple joy at Christmas.

One gift was a promise of a 7 lb. slab of cake, later commuted to 36 lbs.; with this as a nucleus, 36 parcels of food accompanied the toys to those whose lot was deemed extraordinarily hard.

Our Job at present

The need of the crippled and poor children is much greater this year, so the help of the full family of Toc H in Birmingham has decided to come to the rescue and to help with the scheme this year.

Small Heath Branch have agreed to collect the goods and to staff the Clearing House, with the understanding that they can call on extra man-power for the final push. An effort will be made to link-up with the Lord Mayor's Appeal ; for this, clothing, boots and magazines are urgently needed.

How Can You Help ?

Rope in all the old toys, boots, clothing, magazines, etc., from your friends and acquaintances and get them to the nearest Toc H Headquarters, or to the SECRETARY, CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL, 395 COVENTRY ROAD, SMALL HEATH.

